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Letter dated 15 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In my capacity as Chair of the Group of Western European and Other States for the month of October 2009, I have the honour to bring to your attention the endorsement of candidates of the Group to the Economic and Social Council for the term 2010-2012 at the elections to be held on 26 October 2009.

The following candidates have been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States: Belgium, Canada, Italy and the United States of America.

As per the rotation scheme of the Group of Western European and Other States, four members of the Economic and Social Council, namely New Zealand, Sweden, Greece and Portugal, will relinquish part of their terms on 31 December 2009. The members of the Group that have been endorsed to complete the rest of the term beginning on 1 January 2010 are Australia, Finland, Malta and Turkey, respectively.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated to Member States as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 110 (b).

(*Signed*) John **Sawers**

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